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SUBJ: ISSUANCE OF EMIGRATION PASSPORTS TO POLISH CITIZENS: VIEW OF
PZPR-CC SECRETARY FRELEK

1. AT OUR APRIL 1 LUNCH, I ASKED FRELEK ABOUT POLISH POLICY
TOWARDS THE REUNIFICATION OF DIVIDED FAMILIES AND THE GRANTING OF
EMIGRATION PASSPORTS TO THE POLISH RELATIVES OF AMERICAN CITIZENS.

2. FRELEK SAID HE WOULD GIVE ME A FRANK REPLY. THE POLISH
AUTHORITIES WERE NOT INTERESTED IN MAKING IT TOO EASY FOR PEOPLE
TO EMIGRATE. THEY NEEDED THE MANPOWER HERE. THIS WAS PARTICULARLY
TRUE OF PEOPLE IN WHOM THE POLISH STATE HAD MADE AN INVESTMENT IN
THE FORM OF A HIGHER EDUCATION. WHEN SUCH PEOPLE WENT TO THE
US FOR FURTHER STUDY AND STAYED THERE, THIS WAS A CONSIDERABLE
LOSS TO POLAND. THAT WAS WHY THE POLISH AUTHORITIES MADE IT
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DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN EMIGRATION PASSPORTS.

3. I SAID THAT, IN FACT, MOST OF THE CASES IN WHICH WE WERE
INTERESTED INVOLVED PEOPLE WITHOUT HIGHER EDUCATION. I WAS SORRY
THAT THE POLISH AUTHORITIES TOOK THIS ATTITUDE. THE DIFFICULTIES
INVOLVED IN OBTAINING AN EMIGRATION PASSPORT EMBITTERED
APPLICANTS AND THEIR RELATIVES IN THE US AND GAVE CONGRESSMEN AND

SENATORS AN UNFAVORABLE VIEW OF POLAND. I GREATLY REGRETTED THIS.

4. I SAID THAT, IN THE CASE OF JERZY STROJEK, THE MAN WAS REFUSED A PASSPORT APPARENTLY BECAUSE HE HAD WORKED SOME YEARS AGO FOR THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE PRINTING OFFICE. IT WAS HARD FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND THIS KIND OF VINDICTIVE REFUSAL OF A PASSPORT. AT FIRST, STROJEK HAD SIMPLY WANTED TO LEAVE POLAND TO VISIT HIS-IN LAWS IN OHIO. NOW, HOWEVER, HE HAD APPLIED FOR AN EMIGRATION PASSPORT AS A RESULT OF HIS BITTERNESS. SENATOR JOHN GLENN WAS INTERESTED IN THE CASE, I SAID.

5. FRELEK SAID HE THOUGHT THAT THIS CASE HAD BEEN SOLVED LONG AGO. I SAID THAT AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI HAD TOLD ME LAST SEPTEMBER THAT IT WOULD BE, BUT IT HAD NOT BEEN. FRELEK SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT AGAIN.

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